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IN THE MATTER OF

CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

COMPLAINT AND
CONSENT AGREEMENT/
FINAL ORDER

Respondent

Proceedings under
Section 309(a) and (g)
of the Clean Water Act,
33 U.S.C. § 1319(a) and (g)

COMPLAINT AND
DOCKET NO. CWA-07-2003-0083

COMPLAINT

Jurisdiction

- 1. This administrative action is being conducted pursuant to Section 309(g) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), and in accordance with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties and the Revocation/Termination or Suspension of Permits, 40 C.F.R. Part 22 (Consolidated Rules of Practice).
- 2. This Complaint and Consent Agreement/Final Order serves as notice that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has reason to believe that Respondent violated Section 301 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1311 by discharging dredged or fill material into the navigable waters of the United States without obtaining a permit as required by Section 404 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1344..

Parties

- 3. The Complainant, by delegation from the Administrator of EPA to the Regional Administrator, EPA Region VII, is the Director of Region VII's Water, Wetlands, and Pesticides Division.
 - 4. The Respondent is Central Missouri State University, which is located in

Warrensburg, Missouri.

Statutory and Regulatory Framework

- 5. Section 301(a) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a), prohibits the discharge of pollutants except in compliance with, inter alia, Section 404 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1344. Section 404 of the CWA provides that pollutants may be discharged only in accordance with the terms of a permit for the discharge of dredged or fill material.
- 6. The CWA prohibits the discharge of "pollutants" from a "point source" into a "navigable water" of the United States, as these terms are defined by Section 502 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1362.

Factual Background

- 7. On or about August 4, 1998, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers became aware that Respondent had placed fill material into an unnamed tributary of East Fork Oak Creek, Johnson County, Missouri.
- 8. Respondent did not have a CWA Section 404 permit for the discharge of fill material into waters of the United States.

Findings of Violation

- 9. The facts stated in paragraphs 7 through 8 above are herein incorporated.
- 10. Respondent's placement of fill material into an unnamed tributary resulted in the discharge of pollutants from a point source into waters of the United States.
- 11. Respondent's discharge of fill material from a point source into waters of the United States was performed without a permit issued pursuant to Section 404 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1344, and is a violation of Section 301 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1311.

CONSENT AGREEMENT

- 12. Respondent admits the jurisdictional allegations of this Complaint and Consent Agreement/Final Order and agrees not to contest EPA's jurisdiction in this proceeding or any subsequent proceeding to enforce the terms of the Final Order.
- 13. Respondent neither admits nor denies the factual allegations contained in this Complaint and Consent Agreement/Final Order.
 - 14. Respondent consents to the issuance of the Final Order and consents to the payment

of a civil penalty as set forth below.

- 15. Respondent waives any right to contest the allegations and its right to appeal the proposed Final Order accompanying this Consent Agreement.
 - 16. Respondent and Complainant each agree to bear their own costs and attorney's fees.
- 17. Nothing contained in the Final Order shall alter or otherwise affect Respondent's obligations to comply with all applicable federal, state and local environmental statutes and regulations and applicable permits.
- 18. The undersigned representative of Respondent certifies that he or she is fully authorized to enter the terms and conditions of this Complaint and Consent Agreement/Final Order and to execute and legally bind Respondent to it.

FINAL ORDER

IT IS HEREBY AGREED BY THE PARTIES, and pursuant to Section 309(g) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g), IT IS ORDERED that:

1. Respondent shall pay a civil penalty of Seventy-Nine Thousand Three Hundred Three Dollars (\$79,303). Said penalty shall be paid in full within thirty (30) days following receipt by Respondent of a fully executed copy of this Complaint and Consent Agreement/Final Order. Payment made by Respondent shall identify the Respondent by name and docket number and shall be made by certified or cashier's check payable to the United States Treasury and remitted to:

Mellon Bank EPA - Region 7 Regional Hearing Clerk P.O. Box 360748M Pittsburgh, PA 15251

A copy of the transmittal letter and check shall be mailed to:

Jenna Wischmeyer U.S. EPA Region 7 901 N. 5th Street Kansas City, Kansas 66101

Should the civil penalty not be paid as provided above, interest will be assessed at the annual rate established by the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3717. The interest will be assessed on the overdue amount from the due date through the date of payment.

PARTIES BOUND

2. This Final Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent, its agents, successors and assigns. Respondent shall ensure that its directors, officers, employees, contractors, consultants, firms or other persons or entities acting under or for them with respect to matters included herein comply with the terms of this Consent Agreement and Final Order.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

- 3. EPA reserves the right to enforce the terms of this Final Order by initiating a judicial or administrative action pursuant to Section 309 of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1319.
- 4. With respect to matters not addressed in this Final Order, EPA reserves the right to take any enforcement action pursuant to the CWA, or any other available legal authority, including without limitation, the right to seek injunctive relief, monetary penalties and for punitive damages.

EFFECTIVE DATE

5. This Final Order shall be effective upon receipt by Respondent of a fully executed copy hereof. All time periods herein shall be calculated therefrom unless otherwise provided in this Final Order.

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COMPLAINANT:

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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RESPONDENT:

CENTRAL MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

Name: Bobby R. Patton

Title: President

3-24-03

Date:

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Robert L. Patrick

Regional Judicial Officer

June 3, 2003 Date

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the foregoing Complaint and Consent Agreement and Final Order was sent this day in the following manner to the addressees:

Copy hand delivered to Attorney for Complainant:

Jenna Wischmeyer Assistant Regional Counsel Region VII United States Environmental Protection Agency 901 N. 5th Street Kansas City, Kansas 66101

Copy by U.S. Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to:

William F. Ford, Esq. Lathrop & Gage 2345 Grand Boulevard, Suite 2800 Kansas City, Missouri 64108-2684

Dated: 0300

Kathy Robinson

Regional Hearing Clerk